

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 191

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Cynthia McPherson,
the 2020–2021 Hillcrest Elementary School
Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McPherson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, an RTI reading intervention teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School, Ms. McPherson was recently named the school's 2020–2021 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor for her tenure as an educator, as it recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her Teacher of the Year honor, Cynthia McPherson was recently inducted into her school's hall of fame, Portraits of Pride; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McPherson has more than three decades of teaching experience; for the last twenty-one years, she has been in her current position at Hillcrest Elementary School, in which capacity she provides individualized instruction in a small group setting to help close reading proficiency gaps; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Cynthia McPherson has gone above and beyond for her students; in conjunction with her colleagues, she has participated in a drive-by parade for homebound students, helped with food distribution at Hillcrest Elementary, and delivered meals to students at their homes; and

WHEREAS, in the past, she has also been involved in schoolwide efforts to assist various charitable programs, including Food on Foot, the Humane Society, Hamblen County Cares, and the Little Free Library available at the school for students and community members alike; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McPherson holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from East Tennessee State University, and she received her Ed.S. from Lincoln Memorial University; she is a member of West Side Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McPherson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously throughout her career in education to motivate her students, fellow teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McPherson truly serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff at Hillcrest Elementary School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia McPherson epitomizes the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Cynthia McPherson on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.